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NORTHEAST MINES. FACTORIES IMPROVE OUTPUT QUALITY;
CCP PROMOTES PRODUCTION OF MINERALS

IMPROVE QUALITY OF IRON, RUBBER -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 20 Jun 50

Mukden, 16 Jun (Hsin-hua) -- The mines and factories under the control of the Northeast Ministry of Industry have shown considerable improvement in the quality of their output during the second quarter of 1950.

The quality of low phosphorus iron produced by the Pen-hsi-hu Coal and Iron Company has been improved from 16.4 percent of standard to 88.51 percent in May. May production also exceeded the target by 4.6 percent. Products of the An-shan Steel and Iron Company's refinery, that had been running 25 percent defective, reached complete perfection in May, thus all becoming usable for steelmaking. Lathes turned out by the fifth factory of the Machinery Bureau in Mukden are now all up to standard.

The rubber factories under the Light Industries Control Bureau were all sub-standard last year. This year they have reached or surpassed the standards of quality set for them. The tensile strength of the rubber in automobile tires made by the first factory proved to be 30 percent above that indicated in production goals, resilience was 18 percent over the goal.

In all factories and mines a tighter system of responsibility and inspection of products has been instituted. The plan of having departing shifts brief on-coming shifts on the situation at the moment has been introduced. Hence no time is lost in getting the new shift going. In the rubber industry, poor materials are not permitted to enter the shops and imperfect products are not permitted in storage. Many enterprises have set up training courses to teach efficiency in the use of tools, and others have set up a series of technical conferences.

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COOPERATIVES TO BE OUTLETS FOR SALT -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 2 Apr 50

Shanghai -- To broaden and facilitate the retail sale of government salt, the East China branch of the state-operated China Salt Company has decided to utilize the hitherto existing salt merchants in the city districts and the salesrooms of the Cooperative Societies in the suburban and rural areas of the region. Salt merchants undertaking to handle the sales of government salt must agree to discontinue their business in "private" salt. The people are exhorted to purchase no illicit salt, and to inform against any who deal in it.

MACHINE OIL PRODUCTION BEGUN AT YU-MEN OIL FIELD -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao, Jih-pao, 21 Jun 50

As of 2 April, production of motor oils was started in the Yu-men oil field area in Kansu. The oil is said to be free of sludge-producing elements and water. The quality is up to the required standard. Democratic leadership in the refinery has stepped-up production by 50 percent. Some units and individuals have quintupled their production as compared with preliberation conditions. Over 500 workers had established meritorious records up to 1 May.

CENTRAL-SOUTH TIN MINES EXCEED GOALS -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 18 Jun 50

Hankow, 17 June (Hsin-hua) -- Nearly all the important publicly operated mines in Central and South China exceeded their goals for May. The P'ing-kuei tin mines in Kwangsi exceeded their goal by 66 percent. The Manganese mines at Lo-p'ing in Kiangsi exceeded the production schedule by 85 percent.

NINGZIA PROVINCE PLANS 1950 SALT PRODUCTION -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 9 May 50

Sian, 8 May (Hsin-hua) -- The Ningsia Salt Industry Conference which convened 8 - 15 April set a goal of salt production for the year of 430,000 piculs and made production allotments to the various salt-producing areas. It was also decided to organize a Salt Company for Ningsia with branches and subbranches throughout the province. This will be a gain of 355,000 piculs over last year's production of 75,000 piculs. The director of the Salt Bureau called for receipts of more than 30 million catties of millet in salt taxes for 1950.

GEOLOGISTS PROSPECT FOR OIL IN SHENSI -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 17 Jun 50

Sian, 16 Jun (Hsin-hua) -- Several teams of geologists comprising a total of more than 30 have fanned out from Sian into north and central Shensi during the last few days. It is reported that traces of oil have been found in 39 different places in north and central Shensi. Some of it is reported to be no more than 100 meters below the surface.

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